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1. [REDACTED] the rumor of an attempted assassination of Hoxha Government members [REDACTED] the building blown up in Tirana was part of the Soviet Legation, and some 18 Soviets were said to have been buried in the ruins.
2. [REDACTED] such an operation could have been engineered only by dissident Communists, since the Soviet Legation was probably the most closely-guarded area in Tirana, and [REDACTED] that the persons responsible for the bombing could only be among those thoroughly trusted by the Soviets. It would therefore appear [REDACTED] that this incident would lend support to rumors recently reported in the Giornale D'Italia from New York of a possible anti-Cominform movement in Albania favorable to a rapprochement with Tito.*
3. [REDACTED] pursuit planes" of the most modern type" have been "in constant flight" over Tirana during the days 14-16 March. It is presumed [REDACTED] that this is the initial nucleus of the new Albanian Air Force.

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Comment: This account of the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tirana, number of persons dead, and attempted assassination of Hoxha Government members, should continue to be treated with reserve until further confirmation, inasmuch as it may well be another variation of the same rumor reported [REDACTED] which may possibly have been based on the original factual bombing of the Soviet Legation.

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